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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.114 AND § 1.121)

Commissioner for Patents Attention: Examiner John F. Ramirez Mail Stop RCE P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action marked "FINAL" and dated July 25, 2008, Applicants hereby submit this Amendment and "Request for Continued Examination" (RCE) for their above-referenced Application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and § 1.121. In submitting the RCE, Applicants respectfully request that prosecution of the Application be reopened. In submitting this Amendment, Applicants further request that the Application now be amended as hereinafter indicated.